

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18277

The proposed legislation will create a gold star license plate for spouses, parents, and other immediate family members of military service members killed during active military service in a period of war recognized by the United States Congress. "Gold Star Family" license plates are being adopted across the United States to recognize the sacrifice of families when a service member is lost during a military conflict. Surviving spouses and parents of deceased service members will not pay fees for gold star plates. A portion of the fees paid by other qualifying relatives will be used to defray the costs of administering the issuance of the plates at the Department of Transportation and the Division of Veterans Services. Any remaining fees will be used to provide support programs for veterans.

FISCAL NOTE

The estimated programming costs to add this plate to the statewide registration system is \$4,000.00 to the Idaho Transportation Department. Estimated eligible applicants are 250 - 300 who will not have to pay the additional special plate program fee. Those who do qualify and will be required to pay the special plate program fee will bring in an unknown additional amount of revenue to both the Division of Veterans Services and the Idaho Transportation Department.

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